



FLORIDA ENERGY COMMISSION

Thomas “Tommy” Boroughs

Thomas “Tommy” Boroughs, Florida Energy Commission Chairman, is a land use attorney in Holland & Knight’s Orlando office. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina in 1961, and his law degree from Duke University in 1968. Between earning his degrees, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Radar Intercept Officer in an F-4 fighter/bomber with a tour in Vietnam. Throughout his career, he has served in various capacities as a local, state and national leader in the electricity and planning industries and in his community.

He served as President of the Orlando Utility Commission Board from 2004-2006, and remains a member. He also chaired the American Public Power Association’s Policy Makers Council in 2005-2006. In December 2005, former Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Mr. Boroughs to the Florida Energy Forum. In August 2005, Senate President Tom Lee and House Speaker Allen Bense jointly appointed him as Chairman of the Florida Energy Commission. He also serves on the Florida Solar Energy Center’s Advisory Board.

Mr. Boroughs was voted the 2006 Florida Municipal Electric Association Member of the Year.

Mr. Boroughs an integral part of his community. For three years, he was Chairman of Orlando’s Naval Training Center/Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board. As a governor-appointed member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Mr. Boroughs has served the Downtown Development Board of Orlando in several leadership capacities.

He chaired the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce’s Responsible Growth Coalition while on its Board of Directors. He also was Chairman of the Attorney Review Committee, charged with rewriting Orlando’s Land Development Code.

Mr. Boroughs is active in organized Florida and Orange County Bar activities. At the state level, he chaired the Federal Regulation of Land Use Committee of the Real Property Section, and the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nomination Commission. He also was a member of the Real Property Section’s Executive Council. At the county level, he served two terms as Chairman of the Real Property Section, and was a member of the Executive Council.